

My name is Kevin Lavezzo and I am writing in protest to petition 04-160. I love my XM radio especially the instant weather and traffic. in my honest opinion, they are offering superior service to that of terrestrial radio stations. in my area, its almost impossible to get traffic information for Baltimore and the surrounding area. while WTOP provides traffic and weather every ten minutes for the Washington DC area, it is still an AM radio station and its easy to lose service. On top of XM providing a broader coverage of traffic and weather for my area, it is much more specific than the terrestrial stations. i can glance at the screen of my radio and see what the temperature is and the current weather is. i dont have to wait ten minutes to hear the weather and traffic. I turn it to the right channel and boom, I have what I need.

Restricting this service would be a mistake. I pay for it every month and a big reason I decide to subscribe to XM is because of the instant traffic and weather stations.

In addition to the traffic and weather stations, I am always amazed by the variety of programming offered on XM. I hope that the service expands over time and continues to get better and better.

Please, reject bill 04-160. Restrictions like these have no place in American society.